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SUBJECT: BOLIVIAN CABINET RESIGNS

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1. AT 1700 HOURS MAJOR MARIO ESCOBARI, MINISTER SECRETARY-GENERAL TO THE PRESIDENCY INFORMED ARMA REGARDING CURRENT CABINET SITUATION. AT PRESENT TIME, FOLLOWING IS SITUATION: MILITARY COMMANDERS IN CHIEF ARE MEETING NOW WITH FALANGE LEADER GUTIERREZ AND MNR LEADER PAZ ESTENSSORO IN MINISTRY OF DEFENSE. THEIR PURPOSE IS TO CONVEY TO THESE POLITICAL LEADERS THE INSISTENCE OF THE ARMED FORCES THAT THEY MUST ACT AS A FRONT AND NOT AS TWO INDIVIDUAL, SELF INTERESTED PARTIES, AND THAT THEY HAVE A GREAT RESPONSIBILITY TO THE COUNTRY AT THIS TIME. FOLLOWING THESE MEETINGS, THE TWO PARTY LEADERS WILL DRAW UP THEIR LISTS OF NEW CABINET CANDIDATES AND THEN CONFER TOGETHER TO SEE IF POTENTIAL CANDIDATES

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ARE

MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE. IF SO, THE PRESIDENT WILL PROBABLY MAINTAIN APPROXIMAYELY SAME CABINET BLANCE BETWEEN FALANGE, MNR AND MILITARY. IF TWO POLITICAL LEADERS CAN NOT AGREE, THEN BANZER WILL CONSIDER GREATER MILITARY CABINET PARTICIPATION.

2. AT 1845 HOURS, LT. COL. BUSCH, AGRICULTURE MINISTER, SPOKE WITH ARMA SHORTLY AFTER LEAVING THE PALACE WHERE CABINET MINISTERS, ALL OF WHOM RESIGNED TODAY, HAD MET WITH PRESIDENT. BUSCH CONFIRMED INFORMATION IN PARA 1, INDICATING TO ARMA THAT PRESIDENT CONSIDERED A TOTAL CHANGE OF CABINET STRUCTURE UNWISE AND IMPRACTICABLE AT THIS TIME. HE DOES CONTEMPLATE CHANGES OF POLITICAL PERSONALITIES, ALTHOUGH IT APPEARS THAT MILITARY OFFICERS CURRENTLY IN CABINET HAVE GOOD CHANCE OF REMAINING. THE PRESIDENT TOLD BUSCH THAT MUCH REMAINS TO BE DECIDED AND THAT BIRTUALLY ALL PRESS AND RADIO SPECULATIONS HAVE LITTLE FACTUAL BASE. HE HAS ASKED ALL MINISTERS TO REMAIN ON CALL FROM NOW ON UNTIL HIS FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH PAZ AND GUTIERREZ CLARIFY MATTERS.  
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